

Senate Resolution 9 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 9

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1 A Resolution congratulating the Drake Law School on the
2 150th anniversary of its founding and celebrating
3 Drake Law School Day.

4 WHEREAS, the Drake Law School is one of the oldest
5 law schools west of the Mississippi River and traces
6 its beginnings to 1865 when Iowa Supreme Court Justices
7 George G. Wright and Chester C. Cole established a law
8 school in Des Moines; and

9 WHEREAS, throughout its history, Drake University
10 has been a leader in legal education, helping form
11 the Association of American Law Schools as a charter
12 member in 1900 and being accredited by the American
13 Bar Association with the first schools eligible in
14 1923; and

15 WHEREAS, a Drake legal education has produced a
16 statewide group of thousands of lawyers able to serve
17 their communities and provide legal guidance in a wide
18 range of forums benefitting Iowans and clients in Iowa
19 and throughout the world; and

20 WHEREAS, Iowa's executive, judicial, and legislative
21 branches are well served by Drake Law School graduates,
22 including alumni sitting as the Governor, the Chief
23 Justice of the Iowa Supreme Court and Justices on
24 the Court, Judges on the Iowa Court of Appeals, and
25 district judges, and as members in both the Iowa Senate
26 and the Iowa House of Representatives; and

27 WHEREAS, Drake Law Centers provide outreach and
28 education well beyond the campus, including the

1 Agricultural Law Center, Constitutional Law Center,
2 Intellectual Property Law Center, Legislative Practice
3 Center, and Center for Children's Rights; and

4 WHEREAS, the Drake Law School and the Legislative
5 Practice Center have a unique partnership with the
6 Iowa General Assembly and those legislators who have
7 mentored students through internships over the past 15
8 years and have contributed to the policy experience and
9 knowledge of hundreds of lawyers who now work in Iowa
10 and other states representing nonprofit organizations,
11 work in state government, including in the legislative
12 branch, and in other public policy arenas; NOW
13 THEREFORE,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
15 congratulates the Drake Law School on the 150th
16 anniversary of the Supreme Court Justices founding the
17 law school in Des Moines in 1865 and that February 18,
18 2015, be dedicated as Drake Law School Day.